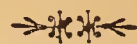


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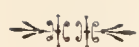
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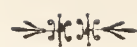
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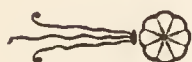


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REPORT FOR 1895.

TO THE

Members of the Urban District Council OF NORTON.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my report for 1895, I beg to state that this has been a comparatively healthy year, although the death-rate is higher than in 1894, due mainly to great Infantile Mortality, there being 31 deaths under 1 year of age out of a total of 65. There has been no epidemic to speak of except measles, which I regret has not yet been made notifiable.

There have been notified under the Infectious Diseases Act.

| | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|----|---------|
| Erysipelas.. | .. | .. | .. | 5 cases |
| Scarlatina .. | .. | .. | .. | 9 „ |
| Typhoid Fever .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 „ |
| Diphtheria .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 „ |

The Scarlatina cases were of a mild type and in different parts of the town.

There were 4 cases of Typhoid, 3 of a mild type. The other was a bad case, and in Sutton Street, the drainage of which I condemned in my 1894 report.

Out of the 5 cases of Diphtheria, there were two deaths in houses belonging to the North-Eastern Railway Company, out of three cases there, traceable in my opinion to faulty drainage, which has however now been remedied to the satisfaction of the Council.

There have been 5 inquests held during the year, the deaths being certified :—

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|----|---|
| Accidentally crushed on the Railway | .. | .. | 1 |
| Drowned in culvert on Welham Road | .. | .. | 1 |
| Heart Disease | .. | .. | 2 |
| Tabes Mesenterica (infant) | .. | .. | 1 |

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Estimating the population at 50 more than last year, *i.e.* 3,800, and their being 65 deaths, brings the death-rate to 17·1 per 1,000 as compared with 12·53 of 1894, which was an exceptionally healthy year. As stated before, the increased death-rate is attributable mainly to infantile mortality, their 31 deaths under one year of age as compared with 14 of 1894.

The number of births was 133 as against 128 in the previous year, making the birth-rate 35 per 1,000 as compared with 34·1 in 1894.

| BIRTHS. | | | | | | DEATHS. | | | | | |
|----------------|--------|-----|----------|-----|--------|----------------|--------|-----|----------|-----|--------|
| | Males. | | Females. | | Total. | | Males. | | Females. | | Total. |
| January | 9 | ... | 5 | .. | 14 | January | 3 | .. | 0 | .. | 3 |
| February | 5 | .. | 1 | .. | 6 | February | 3 | .. | 0 | .. | 3 |
| March..... | 5 | .. | 5 | .. | 10 | March..... | 3 | .. | 6 | .. | 9 |
| April | 11 | .. | 2 | .. | 13 | April..... | 1 | .. | 4 | .. | 5 |
| May..... | 9 | .. | 3 | ... | 12 | May..... | 3 | .. | 1 | .. | 4 |
| June | 3 | .. | 4 | .. | 7 | June | 1 | .. | 4 | .. | 5 |
| July..... | 8 | .. | 5 | .. | 13 | July..... | 3 | .. | 0 | .. | 3 |
| August | 5 | .. | 4 | .. | 9 | August | 3 | .. | 3 | ... | 6 |
| September .. | 4 | .. | 6 | .. | 10 | September .. | 8 | .. | 4 | .. | 12 |
| October..... | 9 | .. | 5 | .. | 14 | October | 5 | .. | 4 | ... | 9 |
| November.... | 10 | .. | 5 | .. | 15 | November.... | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | 4 |
| December.... | 6 | ... | 4 | ... | 10 | December ... | 0 | ... | 2 | .. | 2 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | <hr/> | | | | | |
| Total..... | 84 | .. | 49 | .. | 133 | Total..... | 35 | ... | 30 | .. | 65 |

MORTALITY AS TO AGE.

| Under one year. | Between 1 year and 7 years. | Between 7 years and 21 years. | Between 21 years and 60 years. | 60 years and above. | Total. |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| 31 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 18 | 65 |

CAUSES OF DEATH.

| Diarrhoea. | Bronchitis and Pneumonia. | Heart Disease. | Phthisis. | Cancer. | Diphtheria. | Accident. | At Birth. | Others. | Total. |
|------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|--------|
| 14 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 25 | 65 |

SANITARY WORK.

I regret to state that your Council has been unable to carry out the drainage of Sutton Street. I think it is most important that this should be attended to. There has been one bad case of Typhoid Fever in this street, and I have had in my own practice several cases of ulcerated throats due, in my opinion, to bad smells.

From your Surveyor's books, I find 58 nuisances have been reported during the year. These, with the exception of 4, have been remedied.

The particulars of nuisances are as appended :—

| | | | | |
|--|----|----|-----|----|
| Privies and Ashpits remodeled | .. | .. | ... | 16 |
| Drains cleansed and earthenware sanitary traps inserted | .. | .. | ... | 22 |
| Manure and other refuse removed | .. | .. | .. | 10 |
| Water Closets remodeled | .. | .. | ... | 2 |
| Sewerage tanks cleansed | .. | .. | .. | 5 |
| Pigs removed from unsuitable premises | .. | .. | .. | 3 |

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

R. H. F. BOSTGCK,

Medical Officer of Health.

Norton, January 23rd, 1896.





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